

AS TO FRANCHISES.

Governor Roosevelt's Message to New York Legislature.

INJUSTICE IN TAXATION

Pointed out by the Governor—The Light Burdens Corporations Bear Compared With the Farmer and the Machanic—Roosevelt, However, Has no Sympathy With the Outcry Against Corporations as Such.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 22.—Governor Roosevelt's message to the legislature, which meets in extraordinary session this evening, gives his views upon improvements to the Ford franchise-taxation bill and suggests lines of improvement. Concerning the equity of the proposal to tax corporations the governor will say:

At the present time the farmers, the market gardeners and the mechanics and tradesmen having small holdings are paying an improper and excessive portion of the general taxes, while at the same time many of the efforts to remedy this state of affairs, notably in the direction of taxing securities, are not only unwise, but inefficient and often serve merely to put a premium upon dishonesty.

There is evident injustice in the light taxation of corporations. I have not the slightest sympathy with the outcry against corporations as such, or against prosperous men of business. To drive out of a community the men of means and the men who take the lead in business enterprises would probably entail as one of its first results the starvation of a considerable portion of the remainder of the population.

But while I freely admit all this, it remains true that a corporation which derives its power from the state should pay to the state a just percentage of its earnings as a return of the privileges it enjoys. This should be especially true for the franchises bestowed upon gas companies, street railroads and the like.

Relative to the proposition to place the determination of the tax in the hands of the state board, the governor says:

"I deem it wise that the power of laying and assessing the tax on franchises should be left with the state authorities, not the local authorities, this being, in my view, desirable both for the sake of providing against dishonest favoritism or of discriminating against corporations by the local authorities, and also for the sake of working equity as between the franchises in different localities."

The governor believes that he can count upon the help of the corporations in seeing the bill put into proper form, instead of as heretofore counting upon the opposition of some among them to any and every scheme for making them pay their just share of taxation.

The message, as drafted, calls for the enactment of the law to take effect the first day of October, 1899, but it is understood that when the governor returns to Albany to-night he will change it to read January 1, 1900, in conformity with the latest bill drawn.

It is learned on good authority that the Ford bill incorporated in the proposed new bill is to be changed so that the bill will read that special franchises shall be taxed as well as local, the governor believing that under the term local franchises home corporations might technically escape the tax.

Fought Police and Military.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 22.—Advices from Riga, the capital of Baltic, province of Livonia, announce that on Saturday last the workmen employed in a jute factory there struck for higher wages and joining with the workmen of the Phoenix arms factory destroyed and burned a number of houses and fought the police and military. The latter finally triumphed, and rigorous measures have been taken against the leaders of the disturbance. There was a further slight outbreak at Riga yesterday, but it was repressed. Only the bare facts in connection with the affair have been permitted to become public in the press.

Double Suicide.

BOSTON, May 22.—W. T. W. Ball, a well known newspaper man and his wife were found dead in bed to-day in a room filled with the fumes of illuminating gas. Letters written by Mr. Ball, which were lying open at a table, disclosed the fact that it was a case of suicide. Dependancy on account of ill-health was given as the reason for the act. He was sixty-six years of age and his wife was seventy-three. Mr. Ball, who was an Englishman, came to Boston about thirty-five years ago. For many years he was the dramatic critic of the "Traveler" and subsequently of the Boston Herald, and other dailies. He was a noted Shakespearean interpreter, and was of recognized culture and learning. He had done little newspaper work in the past ten years.

Leather Combine.

NEW YORK, May 22.—All the patent and enamel leather concerns of Newark will probably be consolidated within a month; and the new company will be capitalized at a sum estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000. The firms most interested are S. Halsey Sons, T. P. Howell & Co., Halsey & Smith. There are about thirty other firms manufacturing these goods in Newark. Probably twenty-five of them, it is said, would enter the combination. The plans have not yet taken definite form.

Death of an Old Veteran.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 22.—Brigadier General Christian D. Wolfe, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, is dead, aged seventy-seven. In both wars he served with distinction, and before the close of the war President Lincoln appointed him brigadier general of volunteers.

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A BOLD CASE

Of Kidnapping—Baby and Nurse Girl Suddenly Disappear.

NEW YORK, May 22.—What appears to be a bold case of kidnapping of a child was reported to the police to-day, and a score of detectives were at once sent out in an endeavor to arrest the offenders. The missing child is Marion, the 18-months-old daughter of Arthur Clark, an employe of a publishing firm. She was taken, the police say, by a nurse named Carrie Jones, who was hired last week by the Clarks through an advertisement. The whole thing seems to have been a cleverly laid plot. The child was taken yesterday afternoon by the nurse and the empty baby carriage was found by the police in Central park. Soon after Mrs. Clark received this letter:

"Do not look for your nurse and baby. They are safe in our possession, where they will remain for the present. If the matter is kept out of the hands of the police and newspapers will get your baby back safe and sound. If, instead, you make a big time about it and publish it all over we will see to it that you never see her alive again. We are driven to this by the fact that we cannot get work, and one of us has a child dying through want of proper treatment and nourishment. Your baby is safe and in good hands. The nurse girl is still with her. If everything is quiet you will hear from us Monday or Tuesday."

There is evidence to show that the nurse girl wrote this letter. Mrs. Clark is in a serious condition, and the suspense may cause her death.

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Mrs. Charles A. Taylor, residing at No. 3519 Chapline street, makes the following statement, and says: "I suffered with disordered kidneys and liver for several months. My condition became alarming; the pains across the small of my back were extremely severe, and I could get no rest from them day or night. I would be so nervous and sleepless at night that it would be impossible for me to get any rest, and I would get up in the morning more tired than when going to bed."

"My liver was so bad that my complexion was very yellow, and even the whites of my eyes were yellow. It seemed impossible for me to get anything that would do me any good until I read where Charles R. Goetze guaranteed Morrow's Kid-ne-olds to cure all disorders of the kidneys, and Morrow's Liverax to cure all liver trouble, and I decided to try them. I got some, and in a short time after I began the treatment the pain disappeared from my back, and my complexion cleared up; the yellow color left my eyes and I have felt well ever since."

Morrow's Kid-ne-olds are not pills, but Yellow Tablets, and are put up in wooden boxes, which contain enough for about two weeks' treatment, and sell at fifty cents a box. Morrow's Liverax are small red granules, and will cure constipation; they sell at twenty-five cents a box. Both remedies are for sale by Charles R. Goetze, the druggist. A descriptive booklet will be mailed upon request by John Morrow & Co., Chemists, Springfield, Ohio.

DAWSON FIRE.

Woman who Caused the Disaster to be Severely Dealt With.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 22.—No further details of the Dawson fire have been received. The only accident known to have occurred befell a fireman, who was severely hurt about the head by a blazing log, which was blown from a burning building. It is stated that the woman who upset the lamp which caused the catastrophe and other occupants of the house have been arrested, and may be severely dealt with. A report is also current here that only the Bank of British North America, of the chartered institutions, was destroyed, and not both it and the Bank of Commerce.

Riley, Takelas and Hume, the men who brought the news of the fire, are reported to have collected hundreds and even thousands of dollars as private mail carriers for the prompt delivery of the communications of which they were bearers. One of these was addressed to the Inspector of the Bank of British North America, and considerably reduces the amount of the bank's loss by the fire. It is understood that the record of the bank notes consumed was destroyed with them, but it is nevertheless quite possible that this will not mean lost money.

Losses at Dawson.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Referring to the high estimates placed on the loss by the Dawson fire, L. R. Fuld, manager of the Alaska Exploration Company, who recently returned from that city, says:

"The banks and business houses have much gold dust and currency on hand. It represents their accumulation for the winter, which they would have shipped down as soon as the roads open with spring. Paper money circulates very extensively in that country, as it is the handiest. None of the stores, hotels or saloons are provided with safes or strong boxes, and that fact alone must account for a tremendous loss of ready cash. There is hardly any doubt that the Bank of British North America had a great amount of gold dust on hand, and the bank may have been caught with a large amount of paper money as well."

"The Canadian Bank of Commerce is far to the south of the burned district, right among the government buildings, and has most likely escaped the fire. The warehouses of the Alaska Exploration Company are some distance from the center of the business part, and remote from ordinary danger of fire. The new warehouses of the Alaska Commercial Company are about five blocks to the east from where the fire raged, and have certainly escaped."

"The locality in which the fire originated, back of the opera house, is closely built up with cabins made up of logs, nearly all of which are occupied by gamblers and women of ill repute."

A Telephone Decision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22.—In the United States supreme court an opinion was rendered to-day in the case of the City of Richmond (Va.) versus the Southern Bell telephone and telegraph company. The controversy involved the right of the telephone company to locate its poles and wires in the streets and alleys regardless of the protest of the local municipal authorities, the claim of the telephone company be-

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The list of troubles from which Mrs. Emily S. Carson, Austerlitz, Mich., suffered seems very long and complicated, but it is all summed up in the word catarrh. Mrs. Carson, says:

"I had been troubled with dyspepsia and indigestion for a good many years, and became very much reduced in flesh; could not eat anything without the greatest distress afterwards. My food would raise, and my stomach become very bad and weak from long fasting, as I would rather not eat than to suffer with the after effects. When I did eat it caused me the greatest distress."

"I tried every known remedy advertised for dyspepsia without the least benefit, until I got a bottle of Peruna and Man-a-lin, and I had no faith in them when I got them, but after using them a day or two I began to feel better. I continued their use until I had taken six bottles of each, and now I can say I am a well woman. I can eat anything, sleep well, the distress my food caused me is entirely gone. I was a skeleton before, and now I am fleshy."

ing made under the act of Congress of 1866, granting such right generally to telephone companies. The decision was favorable to the contention of the city and adverse to the telephone company, the court holding that the concession to telephone companies could not be made to include telephone companies. The opinion was handed down by Justice Harlan.

Section Men Strike.

TORONTO, Ont., May 22.—The section men on the Grand Trunk railroad system recently asked for an increase in wages, which was refused, and to-day the men, about eight hundred in number, went on strike. The men claim that under present conditions they could not make more than eighty-five to ninety-eight cents a day and asked that the minimum be \$1.25. The Grand Trunk authorities say that unless the men resume work by to-morrow they will be discharged and new men taken on. In the latter event the Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen will take the matter up on behalf of the men. The strike affects the system from Sarnia, Ontario, to Portland, Maine.

HAWAIIAN NEWS.

Japanese Immigration Into the Islands—A Horrible Crime.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 22.—The following Honolulu advices have been received by the British steamer Garoune:

With a view of restricting Chinese immigration into Hawaii, the executive council proposes to limit the number of permits issued, so as to maintain on the respective plantations a force of that nationality not greater than the number of laborers of all other nationalities. This order will go into effect in July.

A horrible crime occurred on May 2. The wife of a ranchman killed her little step-daughter by brutally beating her with a heavy stick. The crime was witnessed by a younger, who went to a neighbor's house, and told the story. So enraged was the woman of the house on hearing of the crime that she rushed to the other woman's cabin, bent on punishing the step mother. She did not attack the murderer, but dashing through the door she caught up the woman's own child, also a little girl, and threw the little one, head first, against the wall, breaking her neck. The two women soon came to realize the enormity of their crimes, and buried the children together. They swore the other child to secrecy, but it was told to other neighbors, and the women were arrested.

There is a great scarcity of meat on the islands, due to the fact that much pasture land has been planted with sugar, and the natives' herds have consequently been much reduced.

BELLAIRE HAPPENINGS.

Matters of Interest in the Metropolis of Belmont County

Decoration Day exercises will be held this year. Plymouth Council No. 12, O. U. A. M., Ohio Valley Council No. 12, Jr. O. U. A. M., the Sons of Veterans and the G. A. R. will parade, headed by the Mechanics' band. The fire department has been asked to turn out, but as yet have not consented. It has been several years since the G. A. R. has had the assistance of any other society.

The G. A. R. fair and festival will be continued this evening so as to let those who failed to attend the children's cake walk last Friday night, have another chance. They will walk this evening, after which dancing will be indulged in until 3 o'clock.

A team of horses belonging to Thomas Ault got frightened yesterday morning while standing at the Cleveland & Pittsburgh depot, and started up Central avenue at a frightful rate, coming in contact with an iron pole. The wagon was slightly damaged.

George E. Work and wife, accompanied by Miss Daisy Johnson, left last evening for Washington, D. C., to attend the peace jubilee. They will also visit other eastern cities.

H. W. Burrows has returned home from Mt. Clemens, Mich., where he spent two weeks for his health, which is greatly improved.

Examinations were commenced in the public schools yesterday and will be in course for the next two weeks.

James T. Kelly is having his home on North Belmont street re-painted, which improves its appearance greatly.

Miss Abbie Hunt has returned home to Barnesville, after a week's visit with relatives in the Fourth ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cunningham, of Mountville, spent yesterday with relatives in this city.

Miss Carrie Spriggs, of Woodfield, is the guest of friends and relatives in the Fifth ward.

Miss Maude Handlan, of Weston, W. Va., is the guest of friends in the Second ward.

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WELLSBURG.

Doings of People in the Brooke County Metropolis.

This is commencement week in Wellsburg. Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church, Rev. C. H. McDonald preached the baccalaureate sermon to the high school class of '99, and the commencement exercises will take place in city hall on Thursday evening. The graduates are: Sue V. Jacob, Annie R. Quest, John R. Elson, Iva G. Brashear, Bertha W. Simpson, Carrie E. Campbell, King Bennett, Blanche M. Baird, James P. McCreary, Sara Worthen, Clara Dornan, Elizabeth C. Magee, Ella W. Miller. Friday evening the alumni association will banquet the graduates at the city hall.

A gang of burglars was operating in Midway on Saturday night. The residence of Joseph Letzkus was entered and a gold watch and \$25 in money secured. Attempts were also made to enter the residences of William Cunningham and Mrs. Ball, but the thieves were driven off. Sunday morning Sheriff McCreary and Marshal Myer arrested four men as suspicious characters, but they were released, it being evident they had nothing to do with the robberies.

The Mayhall property in Lezeaville, consisting of three lots, with house and stable, was sold at trustee's sale, Saturday, for \$1,350. Timothy Kearns being the purchaser. This is the property the Baptist congregation at Lezeaville purchased of Mr. Kearns and had commenced the erection of a church building, but were unable to secure the funds necessary to carry on the enterprise.

The stockholders of the Riverside glass works at their meeting last Saturday, rejected the propositions offered them to enter the table ware combine. This action was almost unanimous, but two of the stockholders favoring the trust. The Riverside for the past twenty years has been one of the most successful glass factories in the country.

Wellsburg's fire fighters are organizing two volunteer fire companies and also a hook and ladder company. John H. Charnock has been elected captain of the first water company and John S. Fowler captain of the third water company. The boys should be encouraged in their work.

Mrs. William A. Young died at her home in Lezeaville on Sunday evening, after a short illness, of inflammation of the bowels, aged forty years. The remains were taken yesterday afternoon, to her former home in Rochester, Pa., for burial. She leaves a husband and four children.

Dr. W. H. Gelsthorpe and wife, who were the guests of the Doctor's mother, Mrs. Margaret Gelsthorpe, have returned to their home in Great Falls, Montana.

Mrs. Charles MacArthur and two children, of Aberdeen, S. D., arrived Saturday, to spend the summer with Mrs. MacArthur's mother, Mrs. M. V. Bracken.

Ralph Whitehead, the well known insurance agent of Wheeling, came up Saturday to attend the meeting of the Riverside stockholders.

Humane Agent W. E. Echols, of Wheeling, was here in the interest of the West Virginia Humane Society yesterday.

Messrs. T. H. Buchanan, George B. Crawford and W. T. Pfister are mentioned as candidates for land assessor.

John H. Sparks' railroad shows are billed for Wellsburg, Monday, May 29.

Ashley Cooper is back from Mt. Clemens, much improved in health.

BENWOOD NEWS.

Local Happenings of Importance in a Busy Town.

The strike continues to injure the Benwood Southern traffic, but this road did big business on Saturday and Sunday. Many Moundsville people use the railroads to Wheeling now, although the return fare is ten cents more. Not all, however, as may be seen by the crowds transferred from the cars to the wagons.

There are only three graduates from the high school this year. One of the number being a boy. Over in Belleiro, for a wonder, the boys in this year's graduating class outnumber the other sex. Last year in Wheeling there was but one boy in a class of twenty.

It is rumored that the Baltimore & Ohio will put on hourly trains from Wheeling to Benwood if it can be ascertained to be profitable, and at a nickel fare each way. Such a move would be hailed with delight, and it is sincerely hoped it will be done.

Judge Paul has decided to allow bail for Bradford and Terry, the car operators committed to jail on the negligence charge for killing Eddie Conn, but evidently they haven't been able to secure bondsmen.

Mr. Fuller and family, of Nebraska, are visiting at the home of Harry M. Stewart, McMechen street. Mr. Fuller's brother recently conducted a notion store in the Emergency hospital building.

It is reported that the Riverside blast furnace men have been given another increase. Wage increases and strikes for more money don't occur in Democratic times.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Schad and Fred Schad left for Pittsburgh yesterday. Louis Schad will shortly leave for Hot Springs, Ark., to recuperate his health.

Arthur Geraghty, Jr., is suffering from a scalp wound, received Sunday evening, by a fall on the street car rails on Main street.

Yesterday was blue Monday in police court, an unusual thing, but the town was on its good behavior Saturday and Sunday.

The small boy will be in his element next Saturday. Sparks' circus shows here then.

Mrs. Mary Klein returned to Moundsville yesterday, after visiting Mrs. J. P. Barger.

The "Old Maids' Convention" opens at the M. E. church to-night.

M'MECHEN NOTES.

Daily Items of Interest About People and Events.

Miss Bertha Ruckman is teaching in room No. 5, in the public schools, this week, in the absence of Miss Sadie Baron, who is away on account of the death of her grandfather, Abram Baron, of South Wheeling.

The wedding of Mr. Clyde Stephens and Miss Lizzie B. Fisher will take place to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, at the bride's home on the hill back of town. Rev. Carroll, of the M. E. church, will officiate.

Miss Dene Gallaher has returned to her home on Wheeling island, after a pleasant visit with Mrs. S. R. Hanen, of Washington avenue.

W. J. O'Brien, of Wheeling; William Nolte, of Benwood, were in town yesterday, calling on J. C. Campbell, of Gravel street.

John Weidman has returned from an extended trip through the west and Mexico. He has been gone about a year.

Mrs. Julia St. Clair, of Pittsburgh, is here on a visit with her sister, Mrs. George Gillingham, of Lincoln avenue. Miss Alta King, of Wheeling Island, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Charles Kinney, of Ashland avenue.

William Schafer returned home yesterday from a visit with friends in Wetzel county.

S. R. Hanen has returned from Charleston, where he spent a week on business.

Fireman John Coxon, of the Baltimore & Ohio, is off duty, on account of sickness.

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It is simply terrible to think how far we may be guilty by our indifference to the lung troubles of those near and dear to us. It is also a sad thought that we may hug a delusion as to our own health that we only get rid of when life itself must pay the forfeit.

Nobody can afford to think lightly of lung troubles. Nobody can afford to be mistaken about their possible dangers. Nobody can afford to neglect them, or "let them wear out," or "get better in the spring," or any other foolery that leads only to wreck and ruin. Lung troubles don't move backward. Weak lungs don't grow strong by themselves—you must heal them and strengthen them, and rid them of the very earliest germs of disease, or you are simply committing a form of suicide. Either you must cure your

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